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DISPATCH NO. 27A-1758

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DATE 23 November 1951

TO: Chief, FBI

FROM: James E. Starnes, Major

SUBJECT: GENERAL: Operations - AMBASSY  
SPECIFIC: Issuance of Diplomatic Passports to Certain Soviet Mission Members

1. Attached is a largely self-explanatory memorandum from the Office of the Soviet Member, Allied Council for Japan, informing the Diplomatic Section, GHQ, SCAP that diplomatic passports had been issued to certain members of the mission. The request contained in the last paragraph has been complied with by DS, which, however, has informed the Mission that the possession of such passports will not preclude baggage searches at the port of entry or departure.

2. The current Tokyo diplomatic list (20 September 1951) lists the titles of the individuals concerned as follows:

Col. Nikolai V. SMIRNOV, Chief Liaison Officer  
Capt., Second Rank (Navy), Vyacheslav N. LUK'YANOV, Chief  
of the Navy Section

The remaining individuals are not listed.

3. Of possible interest in the above connection, and of general interest in any case, are the following extracts from a memorandum from Colonel J. D. White of G-2, GHQ, FEC, to General Riley F. Ennis, AC of S, G-2, on the party given at the Soviet Mission in commemoration of the October Revolution on 7 November 1951. This was the first such affair to which Japanese government officials had been invited since the end of the war. Colonel White's memorandum was made available to us by POGOG:

"... A half dozen Americans were verbally assaulted by an uncouth MVD goon named Col. SMIRNOV, liaison officer. He was openly seeking an argument. His attitude was provocative. ... Back of us felt like punching him in the nose... The only explanation that seems to account for his conduct is that he wanted to be dead certain to establish himself as viciously anti-American before he returns to Moscow next month. I do not believe his role was ordered by, or would have been approved by Gen. KIRILENKO...

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"... I was drawn off to a corner by Naval Captain LUK'YANOV, who wanted to know why General KIDNAY and his staff had 'insulted' the Soviets by not appearing at the reception. I explained that General KIDNAY was giving a dinner that evening, which he had planned before the Soviets had issued invitations." (LUKYANOV also asked why General MacARTHUR had never attended such a reception, and why General EMINIS had not come that night.) "He said undoubtedly that 'this insulting American boycott' was prearranged and intended... He wanted to push the point, but I took occasion to leave..."

"... Both KISLENKO's were in resplendent moods, but the General was hitting the vodka very very lightly. His abstemiousness was made up for by the Mrs., who was tossing them down like a whaling captain." (Colonel White notes that Mrs. KISLENKO violates all the Soviet standards of "lady-like" behavior, and wonders how soon her conduct will cost the General his position in Soviet hierarchy.)

4. Also attached are blank samples of the new identity cards to be issued to all diplomatic mission members in Tokyo their dependents and staffs, by the Far East Command. Current ID cards will be called in and cards of the new types issued in the very near future. The red-bordered cards stamped "ACJ" will be issued only to the Soviet Mission, because of its special status as a member of the Allied Council for Japan, which does not entitle it to the diplomatic privileges enjoyed by the other foreign missions. All other foreign diplomatic missions (excluding of course the American) will be issued the green-bordered cards labelled "D". These cards are military identifications only, and are surrendered upon departure from the Command.

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